

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Technology Center 1700**

P.C. 0180.02

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****DEC 21 2005**

In re application of)
)
GEORGE F. FANTA ET AL.)
)
Formation of Hydrophilic)
Polysaccharide Coatings on)
Hydrophobic Substrate)
)
Serial No. 10/849,977)
)
Filed May 20, 2004)

Group Art Unit 1711
Examiner M.D. Bissett

*OK to enter.
MOB 1/5/06*

The Honorable
The Commissioner of Patents
Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is in response to the U.S. Patent & Trademark
Office Action (FINAL REJECTION) dated December 13, 2005.
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are
requested for the reasons that follow.